



St. Louise de Marillac Parish

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Bridal couple should forward these guidelines to their wedding photographer and/or videographer.

Guidelines for Photographers and Videographers for Weddings at St. Louise de Marillac Parish

We have enjoyed working with many photographers and videographers who have visited St. Louise in the past. For those familiar with St. Louise and for those coming here for the first time, it is our hope that these guidelines will assist you in the direct planning of this special event.

1. Upon arrival at the church, photographers should seek out and introduce themselves to the priest or deacon officiating or the sacristan.
2. Photographers and Videographers are to be discreet in their approach of filming any wedding event, giving proper respect for the sacred space that they are in. The action of the ceremony should never be delayed because pictures or videos are being taken.
3. At no time should a photographer and/or videographer enter into or stand behind the sanctuary (the raised area immediately around the altar) for any reason. Similarly, 'unmanned' cameras are not permitted to be placed in or behind the sanctuary of the church.
4. The prudent use of a flash is not objectionable. Flashes should not be used during the Mass or ceremony once it is begun. Strong and intense lights, whether set up on permanent mountings or employed intermittently, are strictly forbidden. At no time will the use of light enhancing umbrellas or their equivalent be permitted during the ceremony or thereafter.
5. The use of tape on the floors or pews is prohibited.
6. As a general rule, you will have one half hour for pictures in the church or outside the church following your ceremony. During the favorable seasons of the year, pictures may be taken outside. It is important; however, that the photographer and videographer not cause the bridal party to linger beyond the half hour time allotment.
7. Reception lines in the rear of the church are not permitted.

Please check with the Sacristan if you have any further questions. We ask that you not request exceptions be made to these regulations.